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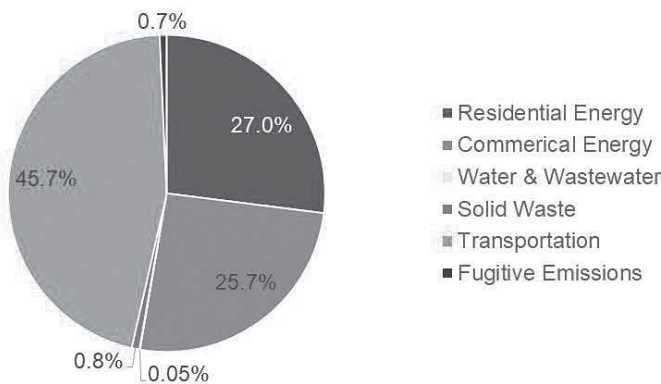
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Total Emissions by Source Sector

City of Takoma Park, 2017



The Cadmus Group has completed an updated greenhouse gas inventory for the City.



15 Years to Zero Emissions

By Gina Mathias, Sustainability Manager

In March the Takoma Park City Council declared a climate emergency, establishing a goal to reduce the City's greenhouse gas emissions 100% by the year 2035.* While Takoma Park has had other climate and sustainability plans (See box, "Twenty Years of Climate Action.") with the implementation of the Sustainable Energy Action Plan nearly complete, and the City Council adopting a new and ambitious goal of 100% emissions reductions, a new plan is being developed and will be titled the 2019 Sustainability and Climate Action Plan (SCAP).

The City has selected The Cadmus Group to develop the SCAP. It is anticipated that the plan will be completed in November of this year. Cadmus has collaborated with Boston, New York City, Washington D.C., Toronto, Cambridge,

and numerous other leading cities around the world on the development of climate plans, sustainability strategies, and implementation. Takoma Park tasked Cadmus to develop a plan for the City with three parts:

Task 1: Greenhouse gas inventory update and analysis of trends in emissions over time, including drivers of change, and analysis of reductions from local programs

Cadmus has completed Task 1; above is a chart of the findings. To maintain consistency with the available data sets and best practices in methodology, the past inventories were adjusted to reflect the current approach. The adjusted result shows that while stationary energy use (buildings and streetlighting) is still a large contributor to greenhouse gas emis-

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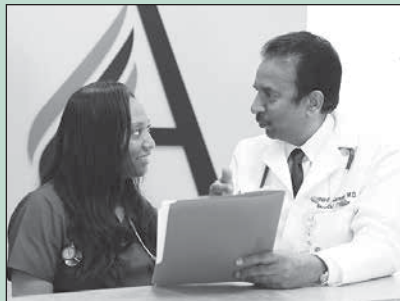
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New Urgent Care Opens in Takoma Park: Q&A

On Aug. 26, Adventist HealthCare Urgent Care opened in Takoma Park, in the former Washington Adventist Hospital Emergency Department. For many, it can be hard to know when to go to the Emergency Department (ED) or to an Urgent Care, especially in a sudden medical situation. Here's what you need to know about how to make the right decision for you and your family.

What is the difference between the ED and Urgent Care?

The best way to remember if the ED is right for you is if your medical situation or condition is life threatening. Urgent care centers can handle non-life-threatening injuries or illnesses and often have shorter wait times and cost less than an ED visit. Urgent care centers are a great place if you're not feeling well and can't get an appointment with your primary care doctor. Many urgent care centers have on-site labs and x-rays and are open daily with extended hours. Urgent Care centers are also able to see most people, ages six months and up.

When should I go to the ED?

An ED may be best for you if you experience any of the following:

- Chest pain
- Broken bones
- Head or eye injuries
- Seizures
- Severe burns
- Animal bites
- Uncontrolled, severe bleeding
- Difficulty breathing
- Signs of a stroke, such as, weakness or numbness on one side and slurred speech
- Appendicitis
- Pregnancy related medical issues
- Changes in your mental state

Remember to always call 9-1-1 if you experience loss of consciousness, signs of a heart attack or stroke,

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TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m.

These City Council meetings will be held in the TPCC Auditorium

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Monday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m.

TPCC Council Conference Room

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, Sept. 9, 7:15 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 7, 7:15 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

COMPLETE SAFE STREETS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Sept. 4, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

FACADE ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m.

TPCC Auditorium

NOISE CONTROL BOARD

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

NUCLEAR-FREE TAKOMA PARK COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Lilac Room

POLICE CHIEF'S ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

POLICE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 8:30 a.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6:45 p.m. (meeting)

Thursday, Sept. 26, 6:45 p.m. (hearing)

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6:45 p.m. (meeting)

TPCC Hydrangea Room

YOUTH COUNCIL

Monday, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 23, 6:30 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

*All meetings are open to the public unless noted otherwise. Schedule changes can occur after the *Takoma Park Newsletter* deadline. For the most up to date information, visit www.takomaparkmd.gov and click on "Events and Meetings." Most meetings are held in the Takoma Park Community Center – Sam Abbott Citizens' Center, 7500 Maple Avenue (TPCC). Individuals interested in receiving a weekly Council agenda and calendar update by e-mail can sign up at takomaparkmd.gov/government/city-council/agendas.

ADA NOTICE

The City of Takoma Park is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to fully participate in public meetings. Anyone with a disability who 1) wishes to receive auxiliary aids, services, or accommodations at a City of Takoma Park public meeting or public hearing; or 2) cannot attend a public meeting but would like to record an audio comment to be played during the public comment period of the meeting, is invited to contact Jason Damweber, Deputy City Manager, at jason.d@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7202 at least 48 hours in advance.

CityCouncilAction

Only negative votes or abstentions are reported here. Resolutions and ordinances are published online after adoption.

Notice of Public Hearing CDBG Program

The City Council will hold a public hearing on Sept. 25, 2019 to solicit comments regarding Takoma Park's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. CDBG grants are provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on an annual basis to communities to ensure decent affordable housing for all, to provide services to the most vulnerable, to create jobs, and to expand business opportunities. On June 15, 2016, the Council adopted Resolution 2016-16, limiting the expenditure of CDBG allocations to capital projects. Takoma Park's CDBG funds are provided as a pass through from Montgomery County.

At its meeting on **July 10, 2019**, the City Council adopted **Resolution 2019-30** authorizing retention of specialized legal counsel to provide advice regarding development review, land use, and property tax questions. The cost for the services is expected to be less than \$5,000.

On **July 17, 2019**, The Council adopted **Ordinance 2019-22** establishing a pay structure for staff that are not represented by a collective bargaining unit. That same evening,

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Parking Management Task Force to be appointed

The Takoma Park City Council is establishing a Parking Management Task Force to advise the Council and facilitate community input on the management of parking issues in Takoma Park. The Task Force will be requested to review the parking situation in the City, consider policy proposals for parking management, engage community participation in the process, and advise Council on possible next steps.

Council will appoint approximately 10 Parking Management Task Force members: one member appointed by each Councilmember and the Mayor, and possibly representatives from the business community, the accessibility advocacy community and from relevant City committees such as the Committee on the Environment and the Complete Safe Streets Committee. Appointees will include residents of both single-family houses and multi-family units.

Staff will present the Task Force with the data and research on parking management, as well as staff's suggestions for committee consideration. Guiding questions for the work of the Task Force:

- How should uses of on-street space be prioritized?
- What are the City's objectives for the City's right-of-way network?
- How well does the City's current parking program manage the following:
 - parking meter demand, turn-over and rates?
 - commercial demand for employees and customers?
 - on-street parking space and Residential Parking Permit zones?
 - handicap parking needs?
 - parking enforcement?
- What are the equity issues in the current parking program?
- How can parking be managed to address the City's concerns about climate change and sustainability?

For more information, contact planning@takomaparkmd.gov. Interested participants can apply online at www.takomaparkmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

The City Council is seeking applicants for a number of boards, commissions and committees. Takoma Park residency is required unless noted. If you are interested in appointment, please drop in to observe a meeting then submit the online application: <http://bit.ly/bcc-application>. Meetings are posted on the City website calendar. Additional information is available at takomaparkmd.gov/government/boards-commissions-and-committees. Positions are available or terms are expiring on the following:

Arts and Humanities Commission: The Commission advises the City Council on matters involving the arts; encourages and aids in the appreciation, participation, and awareness of the arts; encourages cooperation and coordination among individuals, organizations and institutions concerned with the arts in Takoma Park; and facilities opportunities for artists and supports the development of self-sustaining arts programs.

Board of Elections: The Board plans and conducts City elections in coordination with the City Clerk.

Commemoration Commission: The Commission documents, maintains, and preserves past, present, and future memorials, commemoratives and recognitions in the City and recommends to the City Council procedures and programs for honors and commemorations.

Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs: The Commission adjudicates complaints

for violations of the City's Landlord-Tenant Relations law; rules on petitions for rent increases above the rent stabilization allowance; and decides on appeals from the City Manager's decision to deny, suspend or revoke a rental housing license.

Ethics Commission: The Commission devises, receives and maintains all forms generated by the Ethics Ordinance; provides advisory opinions to persons subject to the Ordinance; hears and decides any inquiry or complaint regarding an alleged violation of the Ethics Ordinance; conducts a public information program regarding the purposes and applications of the Ordinance; recommends legislative changes and improvements to the Ordinance; promulgates regulations to accompany the Ordinance; and provides an annual certification to the State Ethics Commission.

Facade Advisory Board: The Board helps ensure that facade designs and their maintenance are harmonious and consistent with the intended quality and character of the commercial areas of Takoma Park and provides guidance and assistance to commercial building and business owners seeking permits for facade alterations, signs, and new construction work. *The vacancy is open to a business or property owner in Old Town or Takoma Junction.*

Grants Review Committee: The Committee evaluates grant applications for funding from the City's Community Quality of Life Grants Program based on established program priorities, guidelines, and available funding. Applicants should have demonstrated

expertise in community development, grants management, public arts, or related areas of interest.

Noise Control Board: The Board assists and advises the City on noise control issues, including administration and enforcement of the Noise Control Ordinance, and adjudicates two-party noise disturbance complaints.

Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee: The Committee oversees implementation of and adherence to the Takoma Park Nuclear Free Zone Act.

Parking Management Task Force: The Task Force will advise the City Council and facilitate community input on the management of parking issues in Takoma Park. *See the complete description in separate article.*

Recreation Committee: The Committee advises the City Council on how best to serve the diverse recreation needs of Takoma Park residents.

Tree Commission: The Commission supports efforts to preserve, protect and promote the urban forest of Takoma Park and hears appeals from certain tree permit decisions.

Youth Council: The Youth Council provides an opportunity for Takoma Park youth to acquire greater knowledge and appreciation of local government through participation; helps the City Council address the needs of Takoma Park youth. *There are two vacancies on the Youth Council for residents of Wards 4, 5, or 6. Members must be in grades 7 through 12.*

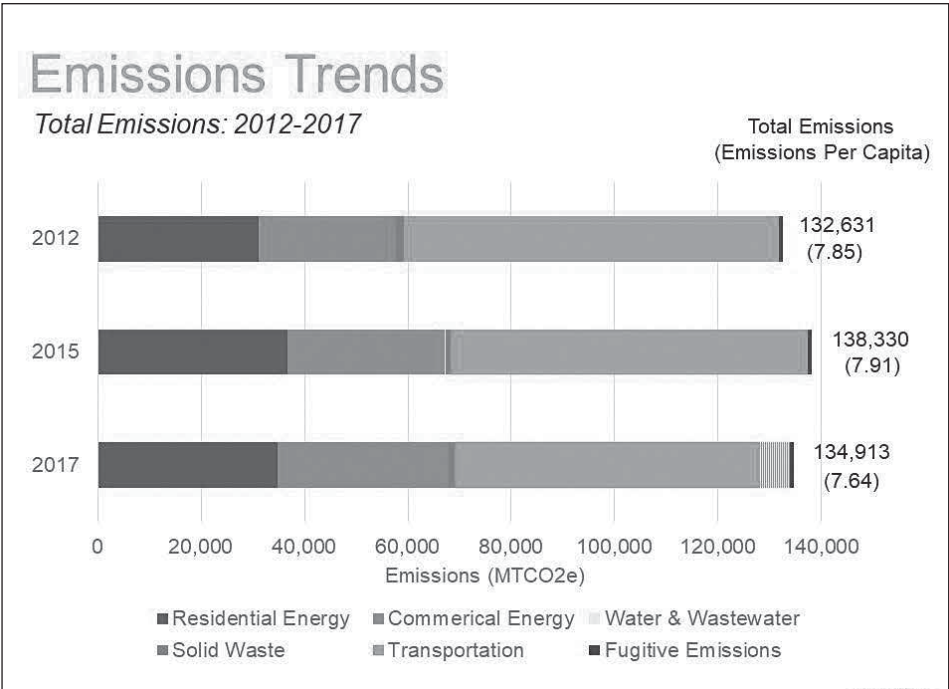
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sions in Takoma Park, transportation contributes a higher percentage than in the previous inventory methodology. There is good news. There has been a reduction in per capita emissions since 2012; however, there is a long way to go to reach zero.

Task 2: Climate change mitigation and sustainability program planning support, including

- Development of a city-wide plan for greenhouse gas emissions elimination and climate adaptation and resiliency
- Identification of local and regional strategies, measures, programs or projects to reduce emission of greenhouse gasses
- Development of technical information on actions

For Task 2 Cadmus is developing a list of strategies the City can consider using to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The consultants will be presenting a longer



The Cadmus Group also analyzed trends in emissions over time.

There will be an online survey available this month. Throughout September staff will be conducting mini focus groups at the Folk Festival, farmer’s market, and neighborhood meetings. If you are interested in hosting a focus group, email ginam@takomaparkmd.gov. On Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, the Cadmus Group will facilitate a public workshop.

What climate vulnerabilities in Takoma Park concern you? What do you want to see Takoma Park do to address climate change? Trends in other cities working towards zero emissions include minimum energy efficiency standards for commercial and rental properties; requiring single family homes to obtain a Home Energy Score or HERS rating; banning natural gas in new construction; construction of complete streets and electric vehicle infrastructure; renewable energy mandates and incentives; and progressive efficiency incentive programs. Is there something new that Takoma Park can do that other cities haven’t tried yet?

Come tell us what you think Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. To see a full list of opportunities to participate and provide your feedback please visit the SCAP project page on the city’s website at takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/sustainability-and-climate-action-plan-2019 or email ginam@takomaparkmd.gov.

Note: The climate emergency ordinance supports Montgomery County’s climate emergency declaration and its goal to reach 80% emission reduction by 2027 and 100% by 2035. Both Takoma Park and Montgomery County are now working on developing plans for achieving such ambitious goals in just fifteen years.

The City’s climate emergency declaration recognizes that recent reports from the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the National Climate Assessment have made clear that the world is in a global climate emergency, and that climate change is already inflicting and will continue to inflict substantial damages to our physical, social and economic well-being. In Takoma Park the effects of climate change are currently being experienced as an increase in stormwater runoff and extreme weather.

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shortness of breath or life/limb threatening injury.

When should I go to an Urgent Care?

An urgent care may be best for you if you have any of the following:

- Allergies, Asthma
- Cold, flu, fever
- Cough
- Minor cuts
- Nausea
- Rashes or other common skin infections
- Sore throat
- Ear aches
- Pink eye
- Urinary tract infections
- Stomach aches, nausea or diarrhea
- Sprains or strains

If you have a chronic medical condition, such as diabetes, arthritis or high blood pressure or cholesterol, an urgent care center won’t be able to manage your condition. For those types of conditions, see your primary care provider.

How should I prepare for a visit to the Urgent Care?

It’s always a good idea to bring a valid ID, insurance card, payment information and known allergies and a list of your

medications to any appointment, whether it is with your primary care doctor, specialist or urgent care center. Your list of medications should include how much and how often you take. It’s also recommended to know how much your co-pay is for a visit to the urgent care. You can find this out by calling your insurance provider. Most insurance companies cover urgent care visits, but it’s best to know your particular plan’s coverage.

What types of providers will be available at Adventist HealthCare Urgent Care in Takoma Park?

All Adventist HealthCare Urgent Care locations are staffed to handle all urgent care issues. Centers have either a physician, licensed nurse practitioner or physician’s assistant and are under the direction of our medical director. The center will also have on-site x-rays with a licensed x-ray technician available.

How can I be seen at Adventist HealthCare Urgent Care?

The Adventist HealthCare Urgent Care in Takoma Park will be open 24/7 and accepts walk ins. For more information about Adventist HealthCare Urgent Care, visit AdventistUrgentCare.com.

This article was provided by Adventist HealthCare.

list of ideas, and through public feedback, they will identify priority actions. Cadmus will provide a deeper analysis of the priorities and estimate their potential impacts, costs and timeline for implementation.

Task 3: Adaptation and resiliency services

- Identification of probable climate risks, impacts, and vulnerabilities
- Identification of options and strategies to respond to anticipated climate impacts and vulnerabilities

Task 3 of the SCAP addresses climate change risk, adaptation and resiliency. Last year (2018), was the wettest year on record for the region. Takoma Park will get warmer and wetter in the coming years. This will affect people, buildings, business, infrastructure, trees, wildlife and more.

Your input wanted

The SCAP’s development requires robust public input. Your input! Staff is working on a number of ways for residents, business owners and interested parties to provide their thoughts and ideas about how Takoma Park can reach its 100% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions goal.

Twenty Years of Climate Action

Takoma Park has had three iterations of climate and sustainability plans, each building upon the previous. The City adopted its first climate plan in February 2000, the Local Action Plan for Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions. The Local Action plan established a goal to reduce city emissions to 80% of 1990 levels. It is difficult to calculate if this goal was met due to major changes in greenhouse inventory methodologies and data availability. In 2010 a report entitled Task Force on Environment Action (TFEA) was issued. The TFEA recommended the City hire a sustainability coordinator, allocate sufficient budget to environmental action, upgrade the City’s streetlights, monitor the greenhouse gas emissions of the City, promote energy efficiency projects, and more. Many of the recommendations from the TFEA were implemented or carried over into the 2014 Sustainable Energy Action Plan. The 2014 plan had 17 key strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and nearly all have been implemented.

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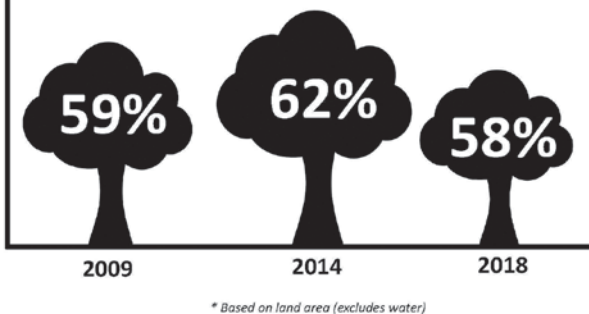
Canopy Tree Care Workshop for Takoma Park Homeowners

Do you have large trees in your yard and don't know how to take care of them? Are you fearful your tree may come down in a storm? The City of Takoma Park is pleased to team with Conservation Montgomery in providing a free home tree care workshop to address your concerns.

On Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. a certified arborist will visit the community in the vicinity of 7113 Central Avenue and walk around with you and your neighbors. The arborist will demonstrate and discuss how to keep mature trees healthy. With proper care, the life span of mature trees can be extended, and hazards presented by neglected trees during high winds can be minimized.

Home Tree Care 101 (HTC101) covers the "right tree, right place" concept of planting under/around overhead utility wires with appropriately sized native trees that will not interfere with utility service. Attendees will discuss native tree species and some of the causes for disease or damage to mature trees that can lead to

Tree Canopy % Comparison



Excerpted from presentation Noah Ayles, University of Vermont, provided to Takoma Park on March 23, 2019.

the tree's decline.

The arborist will also show you how to plant and maintain new trees so that trees will thrive in their new settings. Classes are tailored to meet the interests and needs of each community enrolled for an HTC 101. You will receive a packet of information that will summarize what you learn and serve as a reference for home tree care.

If you are interested in joining the workshop, please RSVP with the name of all participants at publicworks@takomaparkmd.gov as space is limited.



Accessory Dwelling Units: New rules remove barriers

On July 23, 2019, the Montgomery County Council unanimously adopted Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 19-01, which removes significant barriers to building and licensing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). A companion bill, 22-19, has been introduced to amend the county's licensing code regulating accessory apartments. The ZTA, and changes anticipated by this companion bill, are due to take effect on Dec. 31, 2019.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) can be basement apartments, garage conversions, or backyard cottages on lots zoned for single-family homes. The addition of an ADU changes the use of the single-family zoned lot and Montgomery County has to approve adding the unit. In the past, the approval process has discouraged County residents from pursuing the addition of an ADU, or the licensing of one already in existence.

What does this mean for Takoma Park homeowners?

The biggest change created by the ZTA is that of purpose. The old rules discouraged ADUs and kept them to a minimum. The new framework acknowledges the benefits of ADUs and places them firmly in the mix of strategies to create more housing options in the County. The rental income generated by an ADU can help new and long-term homeowners, especially seniors age in place.

The practical changes include the following:

- There will be no more distance requirements. The old zoning rules stated that ADUs needed to be at least 300 feet apart. On many Takoma Park streets, that limited the number of licensed ADUs to one per block.
- The additional on-site parking requirements have been removed for ADUs within the boundaries of the City of Takoma Park or units within one (1) mile of a Metrorail or Purple Line Station.
- External ADUs will now be allowed on smaller lots but will have to follow strict rules about size and setbacks.
- Existing structures such as garages or studios could be converted into dwelling units under the new zoning rules, if they were built legally at the time.
- The homeowner will still have to live on site but could choose to live in the ADU or the main house.

ADUs still cannot be used as short-term rentals or be on the same property where another rental use exists. One goal of these changes is to bring previously unlicensed ADUs into the rental housing licensing program so that units can be inspected for the safety of the tenants.

If you have questions about the new regulations for, or licensing of ADUs, you can contact:

Department of Housing and Community Development at 301-891-7119 or housing@takomaparkmd.gov.



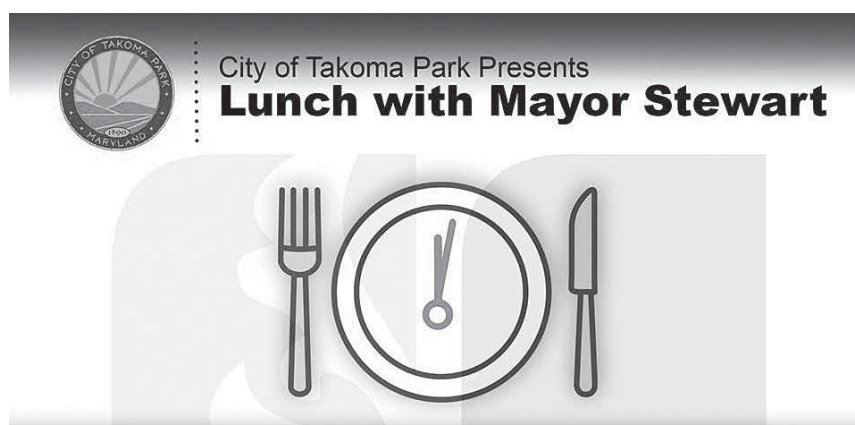
Got Questions?

Get them answered. The City Council of Takoma Park is pleased to facilitate three upcoming guest presentation and Q&A Opportunities for residents prior to its meetings (from 6–7 p.m.) on the dates listed below.

Sept. 11 - County Councilmember Tom Hucker

Sept. 25 - District Manager, U.S. Postal Service - Capital District

Oct. 2 - Pepco with an update on Takoma to Sligo Project



City of Takoma Park Presents **Lunch with Mayor Stewart**

Mark your calendar! Lunch with the Mayor!

Join Mayor Kate Stewart as she hosts lunches at the Crossroads Farmers Market and other restaurants in the Takoma Langley Crossroads area. All lunch times are from 12 - 2 p.m.

Locations:

Friday, September 6

El Marinero Comida Latina & Grill
1319 University Blvd E
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Friday, September 27

El Campeon Rotisserie
Chicken & Bakery
902 Merrimac Dr.
Takoma Park, MD 20903

Friday, October 11

Tijuana's Mexican Cafe
949 University Blvd E
Takoma Park, MD 20912



The Stories of Immigrants and Refugees

Vintage Movie Night: Immigrants and Refugees

Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue

Free Event

America has a long history of both welcoming immigrants and discriminating against them as some politicians revile those who seek a new home and better life for their families. Poet Emma Lazarus' poem engraved on the Statue of Liberty embraces "your huddled masses

yearning to be free," but that promise is in jeopardy as refugees seeking asylum are imprisoned.

Local documentary filmmaker Richard Hall will lead a cinematic journey across a century of films about immigrants and refugees, including early 20th century silent films encouraging immigrants to assimilate, World War II films about refugees fleeing Europe and post-war classroom films. See how America's ideas about immigrants and refugees have and have not changed through the years.

Hall is a cameraman and editor for the C-SPAN program "American Artifacts." This screening is presented in partnership with Docs in Progress.

Poems of Migration and the American Immigrant Experience

Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue

Free Event

Four poets from different ethnic backgrounds, who are immigrants or the children of immigrants, will share their poetry about the joys and pitfalls of immigration, a sense of exile or welcome and the evils of xenophobia and discrimination.

Indran Amirthanayagam is an award-winning poet and essayist, who was born in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) before moving to London and then Honolulu half a world away. His poetry collections include *Ceylon*, *R.I.P.* and *Coconuts on Mars*. Zeina Azzam, the daughter of Palestinian refugees, spent her childhood in Lebanon and moved to the United States when she was 10 years old. Her poetry has appeared in *Pleiades*, *Mizna*, and the anthologies *Gaza Unsilenced* and *Making Mirrors: Writing/Righting by and for Refugees*. She is a mentor for We Are Not Numbers, a writing program for youth from Gaza.

Vladimir Monge was born in El Salvador and attended the University of El Salvador and the National University of Costa Rica. His poetry books include *Pasajeros en el Tiempo/Passengers in Time* and *Voces y Huellas*. Terence Winch grew up in New York City as the son of Irish immigrants. His poetry has been called "the voice of Irish America," and his latest poetry book *The Known Universe* was published last year.



Exploring the Legacy of John Fahey

John Fahey and the Old Blues Greats

Lecture and Performance by Max Ochs

Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium

7500 Maple Avenue

Free Event

Known as the father of the American primitive guitar style, former Takoma Park resident John Fahey forged connections between acoustic guitar, country, bluegrass and the Delta blues, influencing a generation of musicians who would follow him.

In a lecture and solo guitar performance, Max Ochs will share poetry, pictures and live music in appreciation of some blues greats who befriended him

and Fahey in the 1960s. Ochs and Fahey were part of a group of musicians called the "East Coast Blues Mafia," which also included Robbie Basho and Mike "Firk" Stewart. Ochs and Fahey played together in several musical collaborations, including *Contemporary Guitar*, the first compilation album released by Fahey's Takoma Records label in 1966.

Ochs, who lives in Severna Park, Md., still plays in some concerts in the D.C. area. He taught world history in Baltimore and served as executive director of the Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center before retiring.

Altering the Future/Reshaping the Past Opening Reception

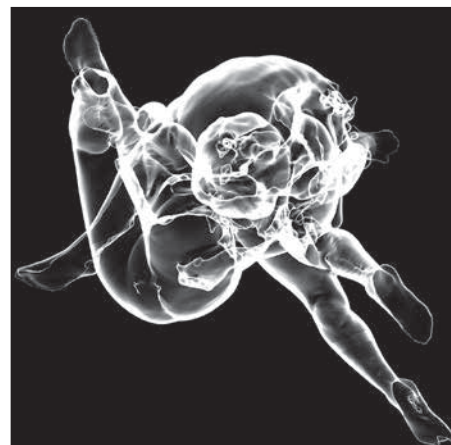
Sept. 12, 7 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue

Free Event

What does the future hold, and how does our past still influence us? We are living in uncertain times fueled by fear and anxiety about the state of the world and our place in it.

In the *Altering the Future/Reshaping the Past* exhibition, four artists explore these concepts through different lenses, including Kristine DeNinno, Jeffrey Gangwisch, Christopher Kojzar and Tara Youngborg.



repl_gc1 by Jeffrey Gangwisch

As a printmaker and teaching artist, DeNinno is fascinated by the manipulation of two-dimensional surfaces to spark a dialogue in a three-dimensional space with myriad interpretations of her work.

Artists have depicted the human form for centuries through paint, bronze and stone. Gangwisch offers a futuristic spin by manipulating digital photography through novel imaging techniques to reshape the human figure into fluid forms that both embrace and defy their underlying humanity, becoming organic forms that conjure beauty and wonder.

As an artist engaged in somewhat secretive public performances, Kojzar explores the history of the flaneur, a French term for a "stroller" or "loiterer" who observes society with a critical eye. Kojzar updates



See Something by Christopher Kojzar

that role to the 21st century as a black man who challenges stereotypes and the right to observe and be idle in public spaces.

Youngborg alters photos of places where she has lived or visited by writing computer programs that compress these images, evoking the way our brain overwrites memories with new interpretations, thus reshaping our basic understanding of ourselves and influencing our future.

The exhibition will be on view until Nov. 6. For more information on upcoming events in the *Takoma Park Arts* series, go to www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts where you can sign up for our weekly e-newsletter.

RECREATION

★ Look for the star symbols to find all of our new classes!

YOUTH

ART

★ Gift Making Workshop

Participants create seasonal artwork that may be given as gifts to friends and family. The first workshop will focus on using hand-building techniques to create one-of-a-kind sculptures, and the second will highlight glazing with food-safe glazes. There will be a \$10 materials fee payable to the instructor on the first day of class. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center

Art Studio

7500 Maple Avenue

6–12 years

2 Day Session

Saturdays, December 7 & 14

10:15–11:15 a.m.

Resident: \$35 / Non-resident: \$45

DANCE



Creative Dance

Students will learn the importance of creative movement and choreographic tools to create their own dance. Class will include routine warm ups and stretches. Students will participate in performances they choreograph. Instructor: Charonne Butler

Takoma Park Community Center

Lilac Room

7500 Maple Avenue

5–11 years

8 Week Session

Thursdays, September 12–October 31

6:30–7:30 p.m.

Resident: \$80 / Non-resident: \$90

MARTIAL ARTS

Taekwondo

Taekwondo is not only a combat sport, but it is also a way of life for enthusiasts around the globe. The benefits of Taekwondo include enhancing self-esteem by heightening your physical and mental powers, building confidence by encouraging you to succeed and to take control of your life, and developing discipline by thoroughly training your body and mind in the tenets and techniques of Taekwondo. Taekwondo emphasizes kicking techniques. Taekwondo is a fun way to achieve fitness and focus. There is a one-time, non-refundable, \$40 uniform fee paid to the instructor at the first class. Instructor: Felix Lindeire

Takoma Park Community Center

Dance Studio

7500 Maple Avenue

6 and older

12 Week Session

Mondays, September 9–December 9

6–7 p.m.

Resident: \$180 / Non-resident: \$200

SPORTS

FUTSAL & WINTER BASKETBALL LEAGUE 2020

Registration opens 10/16 for City Residents & 10/23 for Non-residents, so mark your calendars!

See our Fall City Guide for more information.

TEENS

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT



Competitive Gaming

Our Competitive Gaming program will provide teenage youth (grades 6–12) the opportunity to participate in competitive esports and compete for scholarship opportunities. This program includes a curriculum-based around esports values, such as health, self-expression and social interaction. Limited Space. Instructor: Javonte McDonald

Takoma Park Community Center

Rose Room

7500 Maple Avenue

Grades 6–12

12 Week Session

Monday & Wednesday, October 7–December 9

3:30–6 p.m.

Free

Let's Chat

Let's Chat provides a small group environment at Takoma Park Middle School designed to promote positive dialogue and nurture meaningful relationships with 6th–8th grade students, who need academic, emotional, and/or social support. Mentors commit to one lunchtime visit per month for the duration of an academic year. Participants must be submitted via school counselors. Instructor: Javonte McDonald

Takoma Park Middle School

7611 Piney Branch Road

Grades 6–8

First Tuesday of each month

Ongoing through school year

12–2 p.m.

Free



Think Tank

The purpose of the Think Tank is to improve student success in school by providing tutoring services and help with homework. Our homework tutors will help your child lower frustration, boost comprehension and learn how to apply new skills by monitoring homework and providing help when needed.

Hampshire Tower Apartments

Community Room

7401 New Hampshire Avenue

Grades 4–12

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Ongoing during school year

4–5:30 p.m.

Free

FITNESS



Hip Hop Yoga

Hip Hop Yoga is bridging the gap between self-care and cultural relevance. Each session promotes physical strength, emotional stability and yoga practices backed to the rhythms of hip hop. This program is only open to Takoma Park Middle school students. (No experience needed) Instructor: Khepera Wellness

Takoma Middle School

7611 Piney Branch Road

Grades 6–8

9 Week Session

Tuesdays, September 17–November 12

During lunch period

Free

ADULTS

ART



★ Clay in the Studio

Students will utilize a variety of hand-building techniques (e.g. slab, pinch, coil) to create functional and non-functional vessels and sculptures out of clay. Caregiver participation required with young children (Ages 4–6). Adult students (Ages 16+) with experience may use the studio's electric wheels.

Beginners are welcome. This a great class for homeschoolers, those with flexible schedules and the generally clay-curious. There is a \$20 materials fee (per child) due to the instructor on the first day of class. No class on 10/9. Instructor: Caroline MacKinnon

Takoma Park Community Center

Art Studio

7500 Maple Avenue

4 and older

6 Week Session

Wednesdays, September 11–October 23

10–11:30 a.m.

Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150

DANCE

Mindful Movement

What happens when you combine meditation, dance and yoga? Mindful Movement! This class is for dancers and non-dancers alike. Using creative movement and principles from different dance styles, we will explore and observe, through sensing and moving, our mind and body connection to bring awareness and creative freedom to the wonderful world of our bodies. Expect free dancing, some technical elements of dance (e.g. African, jazz, contemporary, modern), breathing techniques, meditative stretching, and lots of insight and fun! Whether you want to view your body with more compassion and understanding, learn

to properly stretch and tone, or gain dancing insight and creativity, this class is for you. Advanced registration required. Instructor: Beth Mwano

Heffner Park Community Center

42 Oswego Avenue

16 and older

8 Week Session

Wednesdays, September 11–October 30

7:30–8:30 p.m.

Resident: \$90 / Non-resident: \$100

DRAMA

Acting Technique for the Stage

“How did you learn all those lines?” Learning to create a believable three-dimensional character for the stage is an extraordinary process. The lines are only the beginning for developing a successful performance. After selecting a monologue with the instructor, you will learn (through lively theatre exercises) the fundamentals of acting and stage technique, script analysis, and character development that will heighten your performance and provide a dependable process for continued growth. In addition, the class will prepare you with essential tools for auditioning, including techniques for cold-readings and scene callbacks. The class will culminate with a public presentation of the monologues for an invited audience. No materials needed. Instructor: W. Allen Taylor

Takoma Park Community Center

Azalea Room

7500 Maple Avenue

16 and older

10 Week Session

Mondays, September 9–November 1

7–9 p.m.

Resident: \$190 / Non-resident: \$210

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT

Writing Life Stories

Do you want to share important life experiences through your writing? Our stories are part of what makes us human. Whether you are a lifelong writer or a beginner, this class is for you! I will help you jump-start your memories, organize your ideas and edit your work. Bring a notebook or laptop to each class and be ready to have fun. We use the book *Writing the Memoir* by Judith Barrington. Instructor: Barbara Rosenblatt

Takoma Park Community Center

Rose Room

7500 Maple Avenue

16 and older

8 Week Session

Wednesdays, September 4–October 30

(No class: 10/09)

7–8:30 p.m.

Resident: \$135 / Non-resident: \$155

FITNESS



Ladies Boot Camp

A challenging workout within a quick hour, this total body program includes a circuit of drills, such as jumping jacks, running, push-ups, squats, crunches and weight training. Students are required to bring their own mats. This class is open to all those identifying

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as female. Instructor: KJ Total Fitness
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
8 Week Session
Tuesdays and Thursdays,
September 10-October 31
6:30–7:30 p.m.
\$95
Drop-in: \$10



ReVampFIT Men's Boot Camp ★

This class offers you an adaptive interval training sequence with low- to high-intensity exercises. The class builds cardiovascular fitness in addition to helping you to improve muscular strength and endurance. People are challenged to push their limits and walk out feeling strong. Join us on our journey of self-betterment! This class is open to all those identifying as male. Advanced registration required. Instructor: Abel Asafere
Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue
17 and older
9 Week Session
Monday, September 10-October 31
6:30–7:30 p.m.
Resident: \$95 / Non-resident: \$105

Zumba

Come out and enjoy an hour of Zumba, a total workout, combining all elements of fitness with cardio, muscle conditioning, balance

and flexibility. Zumba takes the work out of workout by mixing low- and high-intensity moves. The class will incorporate Latin music that will easily move you through your workout. Instructor: Laura Stewart
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
6 week sessions
Saturdays, September 7-October 12
11:45 a.m. –12:45p.m.
\$55
Drop in: \$10

MARTIAL ARTS

Kung Fu

Bungo Fu is the Jamaican style of Kung Fu. Come learn meditation, self-defense, improved flexibility and self-awareness. This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise, which could help students defend themselves by strengthening hand-and-eye coordination as well as gaining physical fitness and mental and spiritual strength. Instructor: Master Robert Thompson
Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
16 and older
9 Week Session
Monday, September 9-November 18
7:30–8:30 p.m.
Resident: \$165 / Non-resident: \$185

MULTI MEDIA

How to Manage Your Digital Photos

Do you know how many photos you have on your smart phone? Can you locate them? This class will teach you how to organize, store, protect, enhance and use hundreds, possibly thousands, of photographs on your computer, tablet and smart phone. Students will be introduced to programs that make it easier to work with digital photos. Students will learn how to scan old family photos for the purpose

of retouching and restoring. This includes using Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop. You will be able to use these programs on the iMac computers in the Multi Media Lab. It is recommended that students have an external memory drive of at least three gigabytes to store photos used in the class. Written material will be provided. Instructor: Barry Hinderstein
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Multi Media Lab
18 and older
8 Week Session
Wednesdays, September 4-October 23
6:30–8:30 p.m.
Resident: \$80 / Non-resident: \$90

Video Production & Editing

Learn the art of video production from pre-production techniques and properly videotaping with any device to techniques of editing. Participants will edit a project using FCPX or Premiere Pro. Instructor: Isaac Asare
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Multi Media Lab
14 and older
4 Week Session
Thursdays, October 17-November 7
7:30–9 p.m.
Resident: \$165 / Non-resident: \$185

SPORTS

Takoma Park Volleyball Club

Join the new Takoma Park Volleyball Club! All skill levels are welcome to join in the fun. Bring friend or make some new ones! Registration is required. For more information, call 301-891-7290 or email tpsports@takomaparkmd.gov.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
16 years and older
7 Week Session
Wednesdays, October 9-November 20
6:30–8:30 p.m.
\$10

55+

Takoma Park Residents,
The Takoma Park Recreation Department has experienced tremendous growth during the past 10–12 years. This growth has included new and exciting programs for tots, youth, teens, adults and seniors without additional fees or cost to patrons. Some of these great additions have included Senior Day Camp, After Hours summer program at the Recreation Center, ESports Gaming Club, youth and teen specialty camps, Celebrate Takoma, Outdoor Movies, numerous fitness classes, and Clay for Kid's art class, just to name a few. In addition, the City has just acquired the Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Beginning this September, there will be a minimal fee increase for classes, rentals and memberships. An increase in our childcare programs and summer camps will be phased in beginning January 2020. Most senior classes will now have a nominal \$5 fee. Scholarships remain available for all Takoma Park residents who qualify.

As always we appreciate your continued support of our programs and look forward to a great fall season ahead!

Gregory Clark
Recreation Director
City of Takoma Park

ART

Fabulous Fabric Wall Hangings ★

Create beautiful fabric wall hangings. All supplies provided. Instructors: Alice Sims and

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Extended Care Programs Matter

By Michael Kurland, Recreation Supervisor

Every year across America, parents look for programs and activities for their children to take part in. Some parents like to put their children into sports, some like to put them into clubs, and some even just let them stay home by themselves. One of the more popular options is extended care programs where school age children attend a before and/or after school program.

Many of these programs take place in either recreation centers or schools. These programs are designed to help parents by providing structured and unstructured activities at a low cost. Some of these activities can range from sports, arts and engineering to culinary arts and gaming, and so much more.

One of the main benefits that many of these programs offer their participants is homework assistance. Childcare workers help these students with their homework when school gets out, which in turn helps the parents when they get home. These staff members help with science reports, math problems and art projects, or even history reports.

Another benefit of extended care programs is the physical activity of the child. Childhood obesity is on the rise around the nation, and with many schools cutting back how much



Participants taking a break from the fun at Afternoon Addition.

time students spend in gym class, after school programs have been picking up the slack. They provide activities such as sports and indoor and outdoor games to get the children moving. These programs even offer dance classes, swimming lessons and karate classes.

Another important component to the physical well-being of the child is nutrition. Many programs have adopted healthy snacks and meals that organizations provide as part of their programs. Many times, these meals are the only

nutritious food participants receive outside of school.

Parents rely on these programs to keep kids off the streets and safe from violence or getting into mischief. This gives parents the peace of mind knowing that their child is supervised and having fun. Organizations have partnered with local law enforcement to help with programming. Every Wednesday, the Takoma Park Police Department helps students with their homework after school.

So what should parents be looking for when they are selecting an extended care program for their child? They should identify a program that has structured activities and provides a safe space for learning and having fun, a place where their child can be imaginative and try new things or enhance their skills in areas such as sports or the arts, and a staff who genuinely cares about the well-being of the child.

The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department offers this type of before and after care option called Morning and Afternoon Addition, which take place at the Community Center on Maple Avenue. It also offers an after care option at the Recreation Center on New Hampshire Avenue called After the Bell. The department's extended care programs service children that attend either Takoma Park Elementary School and/or Piney Branch Elementary School.

So if you are a parent looking for that quality program to fill the void for after school, then look no further than the City of Takoma Park Recreation Department's extended care programs. As of 8/8/19, there are still a few spaces available for the MCPS' 2019–2020 School Year at After the Bell on New Hampshire Avenue. Waitlists are currently available for Morning and Afternoon Addition.



Friends Book Group October discussion

By Tim Rahn

The Friends Book Group will discuss the award-winning young adult novel, *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo, on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 in the Azalea Room at the Takoma Park Community Center.

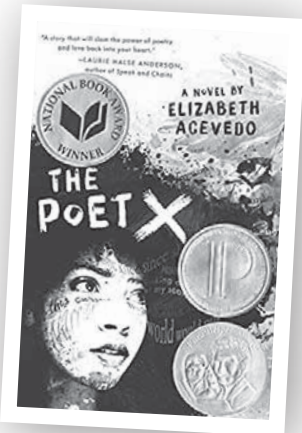
Written in verse, *The Poet X* tells how young Xiomara Batista in Harlem struggles with her family, religion, and adolescence in all its angst-ridden guises—acceptance, friendship, and sexuality. Eventually, she turns to slam poetry as her outlet to express what she feels.

Acevedo herself began participating in poetry slams at 14 and was a National Slam Champion. A Dominican-American,

she received a B.A. in performing arts from George Washington University and an MFA in creative writing from the University of Maryland.

“Somehow, Acevedo’s powerful free verse manages to stay contained within the book’s covers,” wrote Julie Fogliano in *The New York Times*. “The force and intensity behind her words practically pushes them off the page, resulting in a verse novel that is felt as much as it is heard. This is a book from the heart, and for the heart.”

The Poet X won the 2018 National Book Award for Young People’s Literature. The novel also received the prestigious CILIP Carnegie Award from UK librarians earlier this year. Acevedo is the first woman of color to win this award.



More visits from top children’s authors

Thanks to the library’s partnership with Politics and Prose Bookstore more top children’s authors will be visiting us this fall. On Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m., kids author Hena Khan will present her new novel, *More to the Story*, an update on Khan’s favorite kids’ book, *Little Women*. Set in contemporary Georgia, Khan’s novel features four Pakistani-American sisters who mirror the four March sisters of Louisa May Alcott’s 1868 novel. In its review, *School Library Journal* noted: “This thoughtful update of Alcott’s classic text features an American Muslim family and deftly balances issues such as microaggressions and cancer treatment with typical middle grade tropes such as sibling rivalry, a first crush, and an early adolescent search for identity.” *Kirkus*, meanwhile, stated: “A delightful concept well executed, this volume is sure to find many fans.”

Then, on Friday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m., we’ll host author Andrea Beaty, who is known for a series of best-selling picture books called the “Questioners” series. Among the books are: *Rosie Revere, Engineer*, *Iggie Peck, Architect*, and *Ada Twist, Scientist*. At our event, Andrea will be talking about the newest



Hena Khan



Andrea Beaty

book in the series: *Sofia Valdez, Future Prez*. The book touches on themes of community, public engagement and speaking up for what’s right. Beaty will be joined by Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart, who will talk briefly about how she got involved in politics and offer advice for aspiring young politicians in the audience about how they can make a difference in their community. (Note: the Library will close, as usual on Fridays, at 6 p.m., and then re-open shortly before 7 p.m. just for this event).

And don’t forget about our trio of already-announced Fall author visits! These include: *Babymouse* creators Jenni & Matt Holm talking about their new picture book, *The Evil Princess vs. the Brave Knight* on Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m.; graphic novelist Kevin McCloskey presenting his new kids’ science comic, *Ants Don’t Wear Pants*, on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m.; and picture book creator Julie Fogliano spotlighting her new book, *Just in Case You Want to Fly*, on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. Politics and Prose will be selling books at all of these events, but the programs are free and no purchase is required to attend.

CALENDAR

Circle Time

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.

Spanish Circle Time

Thursdays, 10:30–11 a.m.

Led by Senora Geiza

Petites Chansons

Saturday, Sept. 7, 10:30 a.m.

Led by Madame Marie

LEGO Club

Sunday, Sept. 8, 1:30–3 p.m.

Building fun for ages 3–10.

End-of-SummerQuest Party

Monday, Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for cupcakes, lemonade and a discussion of favorite SQ books!

Comics Jam

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 4 p.m.

Come read some great comics!

Books-to-Action: A Social Justice Book Club for Kids & Families

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2–3 p.m.

Our theme is Banned Books Week.

Kids Art

Sunday, Sept. 22, 2–3 p.m.

Come make art with Ms. Kati.

Caldecott Club

Monday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.

We’ll be reading and discussing books that are great possibilities for the 2020 Caldecott Medal. Lemonade and cookies served.

Alternative Games

Saturday, Sept. 29, 2–4 p.m.

Join Dave Burbank for a rousing session of *Dungeons & Dragons*. Ages 8 up.

COMING UP...

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LIBRARY BRIEFS

Coming in October, The Friends Big Book Club: What makes a masterpiece a masterpiece? Why do certain books continue to be read through the years? The Friends Big Book Club is dedicated to answering these questions. The group meets several times a year to do a deep analysis of a great book. This Fall’s selection is William Faulkner’s *The Sound and the Fury*. Discussions will begin on Oct. 23 at Historic Takoma, with a reception and lecture by GWU Professor Evelyn Schreiber. Club members will meet at the Takoma Park Community Center for further discussions on Wednesdays Nov. 6, Nov. 20, and Dec. 4. All discussions will begin at 7:30 p.m. Copies of Faulkner’s landmark American novel in a Norton Critical Edition are now available at the Library. All are welcome to attend the Friends book discussions.

SummerQuest Wrap-Up: We’ll wrap up our SummerQuest program with a party on Monday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. We’ll have cupcakes and lemonade, plus treats for those who are gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. At the party, we’ll talk about some favorite books we read, check out some of the “make or do” projects created by SummerQuesters, and then discuss possible themes for next year’s SummerQuest. All partygoers will leave with a free book or two. You don’t have to have finished

SummerQuest to come to the party – everyone who registered and read a book or more is invited!

Banned Books Week Kick-off: On Saturday, Sept. 21 at 2 p.m., we’re kicking off Banned Books Week a day early at Books-to-Action: A Social Justice Book Club for Kids & Families. At our program, we’ll be reading from some great picture books that have been challenged over the years, including the Caldecott-Medal-winning *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*, *In the Night Kitchen*, *And Tango Makes Two*, and *Tar Beach*. If there’s interest and time, we also might read sections from one of the often-challenged books in the *Captain Underpants* series, and from one of the *Bone* graphic novels. We’ll conclude the program with a craft connected to Banned Books Week. No registration is required, and all ages are welcome.

The Return of Petite Chansons and Comic Jam: Two popular Library programs that run from September through June are back for another season! Babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups are invited to join Madame Marie on Saturday, Sept. 7 at 10:30 a.m. to learn some French songs and rhymes at our Petites Chansons: French Circle Time program. Then, on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 4 p.m., Library Associate Dave Burbank returns with another season of Comics Jam, our comics book club.



Celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month

Just in time for the start of the new school year, National Library Card Sign-up Month is a way to encourage students and adults to check out what their local libraries have to offer.

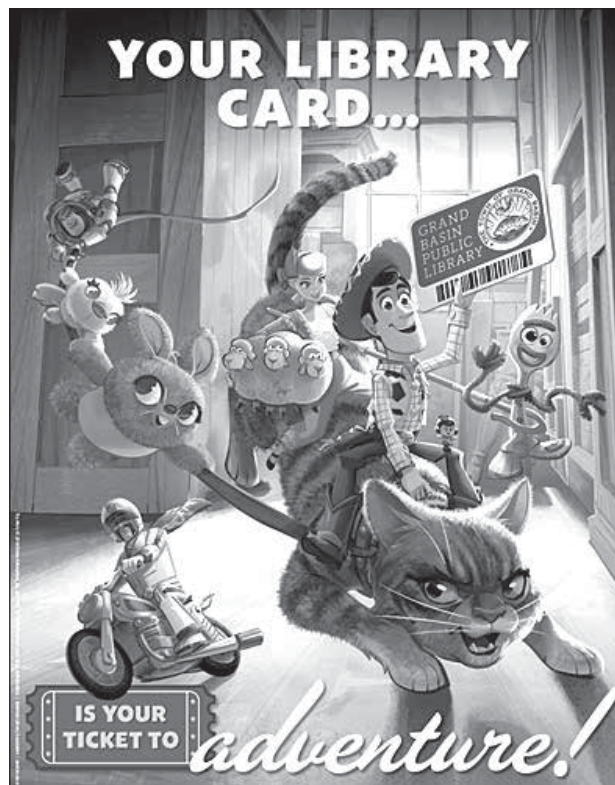
This year Disney and Pixar's "Toy Story 4" characters Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Bo Peep and friends are joining the American Library Association on an adventure to promote the value of a library card as Library Card Sign-up Month Honorary Chairs.

In their new role, they will remind the public that signing up for a library card opens a world of infinite possibilities: libraries offer resources and services that help people pursue their passions and give students the tools to succeed in school and beyond.

The Toy Story crew knows library cards help bring great stories to life. From borrowing books, movies, or music, to enjoying story time or group play, there's no end to the exciting activities you can access with a library card.

You can celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month by visiting the Takoma Park Maryland Library for one or several of its monthly events. Some monthly programs the library offers include Preschool Time on Sept. 4, 18 and 25, that teaches concepts like shapes, counting and colors and skills like using scissors, taking turns and name writing. There's also Petites Chansons for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups to French songs and rhymes with Madame Marie.

The library will also be holding a Books-to-Action event on Sept. 21 that teaches social justice through literature.



The library is tying the event to Banned Books Week, and there will be readings of picture books that have been challenged over the years, including the Caldecott-Medal-win-

ning *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*, *In the Night Kitchen*, *And Tango Makes Three*, and *Tar Beach*. The program will conclude with a craft connected to Banned Books Week. (See page 8 for more information on these events.)

"There are numerous class visits throughout the school year, at which we distribute card applications and encourage kids to get Library cards — and many do," said library director Ellen Arnold-Robbin. "It's a good way to bring families into the orbit of library activities."

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the ALA and libraries unite in a national effort to ensure every child signs up for a library card.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Kids get a free lanyard with their first library card, courtesy of the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library.
- In addition to checking out the Library's physical books, music and magazines, library card holders can access thousands of digital resources, including audiobooks from Recorded Books, and movies, music, and books from Hoopla.

For more information about applying for a Takoma Park Maryland Library card, visit www.takomapark.info/library/getacard.html.

The making of a mural

By Rick Henry

Thanks to a Community Grant from the city of Takoma Park, a group of middle school students was able to spread "good vibes" this summer.

The students were participants in the FLOW (Future Leaders of the World) program administered by the Montgomery Housing Partnership (MHP), and they spread the vibes by creating a mural in the Sligo View Apartments Community Center on Houston Avenue.

Painting the mural was one of the many activities the group engaged in as part of the new FLOW summer program for middle school students. A Community Grant from the City helped MHP to launch the program, building on its existing elementary school programs and filling a critical need, according to MHP President Robert Goldman.

"This is an outgrowth of our after-school program," Goldman said. "Our staff had been advocating for an extension into middle school, and this grant was instrumental in allowing us to do that."

Many of the participants, such as Nancy Cabrera, 14, of Takoma Park had participated in the elementary school programs and enthusiastically signed on for the middle school program. "I had been in the program since Head Start, and I loved it, but then I had to stop because there were no more programs," she said, "so I was very excited when I found out they were starting one for middle school students."

Goldman noted that middle school is



Credit: Rick Henry

As a FLOW program participant, Nancy Cabrera, 14, helped created the Good Vibes mural pictured here.

an important transitional time for students, so being able to extend the FLOW program to provide them with worthwhile activities after school and over the summer was very important to MHP.

Goldman and the MHP realized that they could not just replicate the existing program, however. "Middle schoolers are much more independent, so we needed to have a different approach and curriculum," he said.

To that end, the FLOW middle school program included such items as homework counseling, journaling and a trip to the University of Maryland. These components really made an impression on Cabrera.

"The trip to the University of Maryland made me realize that I want to go to college," said the rising freshman, who will attend John F. Kennedy High School in the fall. "And for our journals we were assigned to write about how we would want to be seen 15 years from now, which really helped me reflect and inspired my creativity."

Creativity is one of the hallmarks of all of the MHP FLOW programs, which is where the "Good Vibes" mural comes in. MHP takes a broad view of what it means to develop affordable housing, an approach articulated by its mission statement: "housing people, empowering families, and strengthening neighborhoods."

"People living in our properties don't just need affordable housing; they need programs and activities," Goldman said.

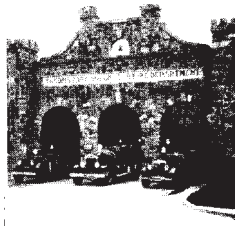
MHP has a long history of creating murals in the neighborhoods properties it develops, he said, citing a series of murals that youth in MHP programs developed in Wheaton and Long Branch. He added that the murals, which professional muralist Arturo Ho, supervises, provide a lasting legacy for participants, friends and family and the communities at large.

"It gives everyone something to be proud of and creates a lasting legacy," he said. Now that legacy includes the "Good Vibes" mural, which was developed through a partnership with the nonprofit Carpe Diem Arts.

Cabrera described how the process developed. "There were lots of ideas being shared," she said. "Someone wanted to incorporate butterflies, which led to us focusing on vibrant colors. Then someone else suggested black-eyed Susans, the Maryland state flower."

The group then collectively looked at the mural and asked, "What does that painting give us?" "What do we feel when we look at it? We saw positive goodness and happiness and we wanted the title to reflect a positive message, so we settled on Good Vibes Only," Cabrera said.

For the residents of the Sligo View Apartments and the participants in the program, the message has been received.



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of July 31, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and Montgomery County Fire and Rescue personnel assigned to the station responded to 302 fire-related incidents in 2019. The department also addressed or assisted with 1,840 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total of 2,142. Totals for 2018 were 351 and 1,720 representing an increase of 71 incidents.

During July, Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,019 hours of standby time at the station compared to 919.5 in 2018. Grand totals as 2019

were 7,568.5 hours compared to 7,650 in 2018, a decrease of 81.5 hours.

Maryland fire deaths

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of August 26, 2019 39 people died in fires compared to 46 in 2018.

Hot vehicle deaths

As August 26, 2019 35 children across the country have died in hot vehicles. These deaths are 100% preventable! Here are a few ideas that might help you not to forget to check the backseat. Put your cell phone, purse, wallet or a shoe on the backseat. Don't let it happen here or anywhere!

Safety message

In the event of a power outage, never use a portable generator in the house or garage. Also, should you use candles, make sure when you leave a room with a candle inside, take it with you or put it out. Be careful and stay safe.



September Is National Preparedness Month: Why wait?



Claudine Schweber, co-chair, Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee

Paradise, California wild fires, Long Branch/Silver Spring explosion, and other disasters remind us that we shouldn't wait to have an emergency action plan. Who would you contact to let them know about the you/family? What would you take with you as you evacuate? Where would you and others meet up? Consider and prepare the following:

- **Know how to reach family members.** Do you know where your children are? Kids, do you know how to reach your parents? Make sure this access is updated regularly.
- **Know the exits.** Whether it's a school, an office building, your house or where



PREPARED, NOT SCARED



National Preparedness Month 2019

Don't wait, communicate.

- **Identify a contact person** just in case you or family members are injured or in distress, and let the person know. If there's a backup emergency contact, make sure they know about each other. At least one contact should be out of the area.
- **Put EMERGENCY CONTACT in your cell phone.** This enables emergency personnel to reach that person. If you have a health condition that requires medication, add that information as a text message, so paramedics can continue emergency care.
- **Text first; then call/email.** If you are in danger, text may get through faster. Phone lines may be overloaded).
- **Let the contact know your status/location** as soon as possible. Do friends and family members know the contact person and how to reach him/her? Have the contact person inform others.
- **Persons with disabilities and the elderly:** Develop a communication and evacuation plan, including all of the above. Set up a neighbor-to-neighbor help plan.
- **Communicating in varied languages:** Since many alerts, instructions, or warnings are in English, identify a translator for non-English speakers. Keep that person informed about contacts and alerts.

Get to know your surroundings.

- **Identify a meeting place.** Where will you gather after the fire, flood, other danger? Share that information, include the Emergency contact.

you are visiting, find the exits. Make sure each is accessible and opens easily and leads to safety.

- **Power outages:** If you or someone nearby depends on electricity for life-support or other equipment, sign up for Emergency Medical Equipment Notification (www.pepco.com/my-home/service-requests/emergency-medical-equipment-notification-program/); add Pepco's phone number to your cell phone (877-737-2662).

Stay informed and prepared

- **Takoma Park Alerts:** Sign up at www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert for warnings and updates about dangerous situations, such as tornadoes, fires, etc.
- **"Go Bag":** Build and keep an emergency supply kit that can last for at least 72 hours. It should include canned food, water, batteries for alternative connections; radio that is solar and battery-powered; several flashlights; clothing to fit the season; phone; pet food; paper list of contacts; extra glasses; prescriptions, other (e.g. photos, book). Think of this as camping out. See www.fema.gov; emergency supply list.

Additional information is available online at www.ready.gov/make-a-plan. This is the community of Takoma Park, so we know you will be connected and helpful to your neighbors.

Contact us at tpepc@takomaparkmd.gov or 301-891-7126. Listen to Bea(trice) Prepared on WOWD/ Talk of Takoma, 1 p.m. first Sunday of the month.

STAY CONNECTED!

The City of Takoma Park strives to keep residents engaged and informed in a variety of ways:

- **Social Media:** Follow Takoma Park - Facebook: [Like us](#) - Twitter: [@TakomaParkMD](#)
- **NEW! Social Media Hub:** Don't like Twitter or Facebook but want to know the latest post or tweets by the City? Visit: takomaparkmd.gov/about-takoma-park/social-media-hub/
- **Takoma Park Alert:** Public safety notifications - Sign up for Public Safety notifications on Takoma Park Alert: (emails/texts): takomaparkmd.gov/services/takoma-park-alert



- **Takomaparkmd.gov:** where you can access information on upcoming Council meetings, agendas, City news, and the status of City projects
- **Monthly Newsletter:** both in print and electronic copy
- **NEW! The Takoma Insider:** Receive our weekly eNews right to your email. Sign up: <http://reepurl.com/gg4dMb>
- **My TkPk:** Make a service request or report an issue using the online app. Learn more: takomaparkmd.gov/services/my-tkpk

#OneCommunity - TakomaParkMD.gov



Passport Services

Passport services are available on first come, first served basis Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center on the second floor. Takoma Park staff encourage calling the City's main phone number at 301-891-7100 and checking if the office is open before departing for the Community Center for passport services.

For additional information, visit takomaparkmd.gov/services/passports.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION

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the Council made a number of committee appointments: **Resolution 2019-31** reappointed Arthur David Olson (Ward 4) and Brian Ernst (Ward 4) to the Board of Elections; **Resolution 2019-32** reappointed Courtney Tompkins (Ward 2), Joelle Rabion, and Ebonee Harlee to the Arts and Humanities Commission; and **Resolution 2019-33** reappointed John Ackerly (Ward 2) and Kirsten Stade (Ward 4) to the Committee on the Environment.

Resolution 2019-34, authorizing transmittal of Legislative Action Requests to the Maryland Municipal League, was adopted on **July 24, 2019**. Three requests were submitted: 1) legislation to grant municipal authority to implement expanded property tax deferrals to certain categories of homeowners, such as elderly or low income residents; 2) legislation to authorize a group of counties or municipalities to form or join a “community choice aggregator” to purchase or generate electricity from renewable sources for their residents; and, 3) legislation or funding to assist residential rental property owners to eliminate environmental hazards in rental properties. The Council also approved **Resolution 2019-35** adopting the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2018.

On **July 31, 2019**, the Council approved FY 2020 Budget Amendment No. 1 by **Ordinance 2019-23** and FY 2020 Stormwater Management Budget Amendment No. 1 by **Ordinance**

2019-24. By adoption of **Ordinance 2019-25**, the Council approved a pay structure for staff that are members of AFCME. **Ordinance 2019-26** authorized a contract in the amount of \$300,000 with RR/M Lukmire Architects for professional services to continue design work for Library renovation. **Ordinance 2019-27** approved a contract for community play days with Let’s Play America, Inc. The contract amount is \$10,000.

Also on **July 31**, the Council set the dates of its summer recess by **Resolution 2019-36**. The recess began Aug. 1 and extends through Sept. 10. The 2019–2020 Youth Council was appointed by **Resolution 2019-37**. The following residents were appointed: Mihret Asfaw (Ward 5), George Ashford (Ward 2), Asha Henry (Ward 6), Jason Kaplan (Ward 1), Dawit Kelil (Ward 4), Shakur Moulton (Ward 5), Kamilla Sorenson (Ward 3), Amelia Tydings-Lynch (Ward 2) and Eliza Van Camp (Ward 5). Lori Grazio (Ward 2) was reappointed to the Board of Elections by **Resolution 2018-38**. Peter Munger (Ward 1) was reappointed to the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs by **Resolution 2019-39**. The Complete Safe Streets Committee as appointed by **Resolution 2019-40**. Appointees are: David Cookson (Ward 1), Frank Demarais (Ward 5), Manela Diez (Ward 3), Tracy Duvall (Ward 3), Cindy Herrera (Ward 6), Laurie Kelly (Ward 3), Jessica Landman (Ward 1), Diana McCown (Ward 3), Lacey McMullan (Ward 3), Michael Moore (Ward 6), and Emanuel Wagner (Ward 2). By **Resolution 2019-41**, Jill Saletta (Ward 6) was appointed to the Recreation Committee.

RECREATION

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Sue Bracey
Takoma Park Community Center
Art Studio
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Monday, October 1
11:30 a.m. –1:30 p.m.
\$5

DROP-IN

September 17

BLOOD PRESSURE:



11:30am-12:30pm

BINGO:

12-2pm



In the Senior Room, TPCC

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH ★

BESA African Dance Classes

Active Adults age 55 and older will enjoy this high-energy dance class. BesaWorkout is an exercise with forms and techniques created from African dances. This fun aerobic exercise is a great cardio workout. This class is free; however, registration is required.

Takoma Park Community Center
Dance Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Saturdays, September 7-December 14
1–2 p.m.
Free

Game Room Open Play

The game room is available for adults age 55 and older to play pool, table tennis, basketball arcade and other active games. The game room is a great place to join friends for lively conversation, and just to “hang out” before, in-between and after classes during the day.
Takoma Park Community Center
Game Room
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Monday, Thursday: 9 a.m. –12 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9 a.m. –1 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. –12 p.m.
Free

Heart & Core

Move to the high-energy beat to pump up the heart rate followed by 20 minutes of Pilates core floor workout to strengthen the area from shoulders through hips. Registration is required. Instructor: Nancy Nickell
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Saturdays, September 7-November 23
9:15–10:15 a.m.
\$5

Kundalini Yoga and Meditation ★

Kundalini Yoga will introduce participants to integrating mind, body and spirit using meditation, sound vibrations (chanting) and modified poses to help increase strength, flexibility and tranquility. Please bring a yoga mat. Instructor: Polly Matthews
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Gymnasium
7500 Maple Avenue
55 and older
Tuesdays, September 3-November 19
2:30–3:30 p.m.
\$5

Board of Elections Update

The next City of Takoma Park election will take place November 3, 2020. There is no regular City election this year.

The City Council amended the Takoma Park City Charter in 2017 to move elections for Mayor and City Council to even years to coincide with presidential and gubernatorial general elections. The current Mayor and City Council were elected in 2017 to serve until 2020. Elections will return to the every two-year cycle with the election on November 3, 2020. The Takoma Park Board of Elections is planning for 2020. Here’s what residents should know now:

- The Nominating Caucus to select candidates for the 2020 City Election will take place Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020.
- Absentee ballots for the City Election will be available the week of Sept. 28, 2020.
- Early voting will begin Oct. 22, 2020
 - City Election early voting will be available at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue.
 - Early voting for the Presidential Election will take place at the Silver Spring Civic Center and other early voting sites in Montgomery County.
- On Election Day, Takoma Park residents may vote in both the Presidential Election and the City Election at their usual voting precincts in Takoma Park.
- The City Election will require many paid election workers. Preliminary applications are being accepted now. See www.takomaparkmd.gov, search “election worker.”

Much more information will be provided as additional details are finalized. Watch future issues of the *Takoma Park Newsletter* as well as the City website for updates.

Board of Elections Recommends Charter and Code Revisions

At the June 5, 2019 City Council meeting, the Takoma Park Board of Elections presented recommendations for revisions to the City Charter and Elections Code. The Council

will discuss the recommendations further in September and a Charter Amendment Public Hearing has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 16. Highlights of the recommendations follow:

- Elimination of the 21-day residency requirement for voting in City elections;
- Expansion of the supplemental voter roll for Takoma Park elections to include U.S. citizen residents who do not wish to register to vote in elections other than those conducted by the City of Takoma Park;
- Elimination of the need to hold a runoff election in the unlikely event of a tie after all rounds of counting are completed through ranked choice voting – such ties would be resolved by lot;
- Authorization for the Board of Elections to appoint election workers (formerly called election judges) without the requirement that the City Council approve the appointments;
- Changing the period of the time during which recall petitions can be circulated from indefinite to six months;
- Setting a specific point of reference for calculating the number of registered voters required to meet various thresholds for petitions for recall and referendum, to enable petitioners to know their goal in advance.
- Setting new limits on campaign contributions and adding a requirement that campaigns report on expenditures as well as contributions;
- Payment of return postage by the City for absentee ballots; and
- Allowing for early processing (not counting) of absentee ballots.

Additional information is available at www.takomaparkmd.gov. Questions or comments may be addressed to Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk at Clerk@takomaparkmd.gov (or by phone at 301-891-7267). Comments received will be shared with the Board of Elections and City Council.

Public Piano Performance



Takoma Park’s public piano is now available for anyone to play just in time for National Piano Month. The first concert on the freshly painted piano took place Aug. 18 at the Gazebo. Thanks to some talented piano players (and one fiddler) who performed at the grand opening concert. It was inspiring to see so much musical talent in our community. The piano will be in the downtown gazebo until December so stop by and play or just listen. Playing times will be kept to the hours between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. so it doesn’t bother the surrounding neighborhood.

Noise Control in the City of Takoma Park

The Noise Control Board and Neighborhood Services Division have developed a brochure to remind residents and businesses to be good neighbors around the issue of noise. With the cooler weather, windows are more likely to be open and more time is spent outdoors. Be considerate when using power tools in the yard or garage, keep music volumes reasonable, and consider the impact on neighbors when entertaining. The brochure is available at City facilities and online at www.takomaparkmd.gov.



SEPTEMBER '19

Do you have an item for the city calendar?

Do you have an item for the city calendar? Let us know if you have a nonprofit event that would be of interest to City of Takoma Park residents, and we'll consider it for inclusion in the calendar. Deadline for the October issue is Sept. 13, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Sept. 27. To submit calendar items, email tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov. "TP Community Center" is the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park. All addresses are in Takoma Park or Takoma, D.C., unless otherwise noted.

PUBLIC MEETINGS OF NOTE

City Council

City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m.
TPCC Auditorium
Detailed agendas are always available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/citycouncil/agendas.

Labor Day — City Offices Closed

Monday, Sept. 2
All City offices and facilities will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, for the Labor Day holiday. The Takoma Park Police Department is open 24/7 for emergency services.

Takoma Park Emergency Food Pantry

First Saturdays, noon – 3 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church, 7001 New Hampshire Ave.
Bi-weekly and monthly food supplements for needy families
240-450-2092 or educare_ss@yahoo.com
www.educaresupportservices.org

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Circle Time

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.
A beloved local tradition, the 30-minute program of songs, fingerplays, rhymes, movement exercises and stories teach early literacy concepts in a fun way.
Takoma Park Maryland Library

Spanish Circle Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
Join Senora Geiza for a 30-minute program highlighting basic Spanish vocabulary through songs and rhymes.
Takoma Park Maryland Library

The Spirit Club

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center
Therapeutic recreation class for Takoma Park residents 17 and older
This class is designed for adults with developmental/ neurologic challenges. For more information, contact Jared Ciner at jciner@spiritclub.com or 303-883-4364.

Kid's Night Out

First and third Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Fun and games for kids

Teen Night

Second and fourth Fridays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Recreation Center
Games and activities just for teens

Takoma Park Farmers Market

Sundays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Year-round
Laurel and Carroll avenues in Old Town
Every Sunday in the historic business district of the city, local, seasonal produce, breads, pasture-raised meats, artisan cheese, eggs, baked goods and more from farms located within 125 miles of Takoma Park are offered.

Crossroads Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., through Nov. 27
On Anne Street at University Boulevard East (next to Mega Mart), Takoma Park
The season's freshest fruits and vegetables, free-range eggs, local herbs, honey, locally-roasted coffee, fresh-cut flowers, potted plants and prepared foods, drinks and healthy snacks. There is also live music, healthy food demos, kids' art activities, health screenings and free exercise sessions. Visit www.crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org.

Top Notch Toastmasters

Second and fourth Tuesdays, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
TP Community Center
Improve your communication and leadership skills. Top Notch Toastmasters meetings provide opportunities for positive, supportive development of personal and interpersonal skills that make you a better communicator, a better leader.

Community Self Defense

Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
6836 New Hampshire Ave., Takoma Park
Certified Gracie Jiu Jitsu Black Belt instruction
Free and open to all

Parents of Special Needs Adults (POSNA)

First Thursdays, 7 p.m.
TP Community Center
This support and advocacy group of parents and other loved ones of adults with special needs including autism, Down's syndrome, and severe chronic psychiatric challenges usually meets the first Thursdays of every month. For more information, contact Mary Muchui at muchui@aol.com.

Takoma Cleanup Day

Saturday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m. – noon
Various locations
Join the community for the 2019 Takoma Spring Clean Up. They will have experienced gardeners leading three teams of volunteers to work on plantings and mulch in the Takoma commercial district.
Three meet up locations:
1. Roscoe the Rooster Statue on Laurel Ave (across from 6927 Laurel Ave)
2. Triangle Park at 4th and Blair Roads, NW (across from 6914 4th St, NW)
3. By Morison Park at the Takoma Junction (across from 201 Ethan Allen Ave)
Bags, gloves and tools provided. SSL Hours offered.
<https://mainstreettakoma.org>

Climate Change Emergency meeting

Saturday, Sept. 14, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Silver Spring Civic Center, 1 Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring
Montgomery County officials will join leading climate advocates for a climate change town hall to discuss plans to dramatically cut the County's greenhouse gas emissions over the next eight years. Montgomery County Responds, organized by several area groups, will feature speakers, panel discussions and audience Q&A. Those attending can sign up to work with local organizations and hear ideas on how to do their part to combat climate change.
www.facebook.com/events/367862217266133

Shop Local Sidewalk Sale

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 21 – 22
Various locations
Shop the deals at Takoma's locally-owned, independent. Find big sales on home goods, handicrafts, bikes, pet supplies, games, clothing, hardware and more.

Takoma Park Farmers Market Pie Contest

Sunday, Sept. 22, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Takoma Park SDA Church, 6951 Carroll Ave.
Join the annual Takoma Park Farmers Market Pie Contest. Whether you are a pie baker or a pie eater, come join the fun.

ARTS AND LITERATURE

People's Open Mic

Sundays, 9 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.
www.republictakoma.com

Takoma Park Community Band

Mondays, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Heffner Park Community Center, 42 Oswego Ave.
Join the Takoma Park Community Band for weekly rehearsals at the Heffner Park Community Center. No audition required, just plenty of enthusiasm.

Drum for Joy! with Jaqui MacMillan

Mondays, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St.
Learn hand drumming

Blues Mondays

Mondays, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.
Republic restaurant, 6939 Laurel Ave.
www.republictakoma.com

Open Mic Night

Tuesdays, 9 – 11 p.m.
Busboys and Poets, 235 Carroll St. NW

Jazz Jam

Tuesdays, 7 – 10 p.m.
Takoma Station, 6914 14th St. NW
Open mic for jazz musicians

Wednesday Night Drum Jams

Wednesdays, 7 – 9:30 p.m.
The Electric Maid, 268 Carroll St. NW
Hosted by Katy Gaughan and friends

Puppet Lab

First Saturdays, 10 a.m. – noon
Rhizome DC, 6950 Maple St NW
Puppet Lab's purpose is to be a hub for all those interested in puppet theater who would benefit from boosting creative power, honing puppet-manipulation skills, cross-pollinating ideas, receiving feedback about works in progress, and building local puppet community. Suggested \$5-10 donation

Takoma Park Folk Festival

Sunday, Sept. 8, 10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Middle School
The Takoma Park Folk Festival is an annual event to immerse in the traditional and trending folk arts and the communities they create. See insert in this issue or tpff.org for more information.

Third Thursday Poetry Reading

Thursday, Sept. 19, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Auditorium
The popular "Third Thursday" poetry series features the work of a wide range of poets from across the region. Held in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, the free readings are followed by a light reception and an opportunity to meet the featured poets.

Karen Collins & The Backroads Band

Friday, Sept. 20, 8 – 11 p.m.
Takoma Park VFW, 6420 Orchard Ave.
Karen Collins & the Backroads Band will be playing honky-tonk country music. Friendly folks, room for dancing.
Suggested \$10 donation
<http://backroads.karencollins.net>

Family Concert with Mr. Gabe

Saturday, Sept. 21, 11 – 11:45 a.m.
The Gazebo, 7035 Carroll Ave.
"The Pied Piper of Takoma Park" returns to the Gazebo stage with a musical performance that is fun for the entire family.
Free

Documentary screening "Ground War"

Sunday, Sept. 22, 2 p.m.
TP Community Center auditorium
Canadian environmental filmmaker Andrew Nisker's investigation into the death of his father takes him deep into the world of golf, chemical lobbying, and citizen activism, where he learns that the rampant use of pesticides around the world may be far more damaging than he thought. A brief discussion will follow for those who are interested, and free Bee Friendly seeds and yard signs will be available.

Crossroads Night Market

Saturday, Sept. 28, 4 – 8:30 p.m.
Anne Street (between University Blvd. and Hammond Ave.)
Come out for Night Market, an international food festival with local flavor. Experience the best in ethnic-cuisine from the Takoma/Langley Crossroads, featuring local restaurants serving up their top dishes and market vendors selling a variety of tasty treats and beverages. Enjoy the sights and sounds of live, multi-cultural performances on the festival mainstage and browse regional craft vendors. Visit takomalangley.org/nightmarket for more info.

Christalis Superhero 5K run/walk

Sunday, Sept. 29, 8 a.m.
Washington Adventist University, 7600 Flower Ave., Takoma Park
Grab your capes and tights for a Superhero 5K. Proceeds from the event go directly to help Christalis, a nonprofit organization for poor and orphaned children in Uganda. There will also be face painting, an obstacle course and other games for children.
Registration \$5 – \$25

UPCOMING EVENTS

Takoma Park Street Festival

Sunday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Carroll Ave. to Carroll St. NW
Come check out over 200 artisans, community groups, children's activities, food vendors, and a variety of green companies. The festival has three stages that host 18 popular, local bands performing music from indie folk, rock, blues, country, reggae, and everything in between.
Free admission

Make a Difference - Plant a Tree

Discount Trees Available to Beautify Yards, Replace the Canopy

The fall season is a good time to plant trees. Takoma Park residents can help replenish the aging tree canopy and take advantage of an incentive. The City will contribute \$100 towards the first tree purchased. Residents can have a 2" diameter tree installed by the City's landscape contractor for \$95 plus 6 percent sales tax, for a total of \$100.70. Additional trees will cost \$195 plus 6 percent sales tax. The trees are warrantied for one year. The \$100 discount is not available for a tree required by a tree removal permit replanting agreement. Residents can select a tree(s) from the following seven tree species: swamp white oak, Princeton elm, bald cypress, black gum, American linden, sycamore and river birch. Trees can be ordered through October 11. A limited number of grants are available for low- to moderate-income homeowners. In selecting a tree planting location, make sure to keep in mind the eventual size of the tree and pay attention to underground/overhead utilities, building foundations and walkways/sidewalks. Use



the Right Tree Right Place principle for tree location selection: <https://bit.ly/2TDUpjD>. After your order has been received, the City's Urban Forest Manager will notify you of the planting date/time.

ORDER FORM

Please include this completed form, with a check, payable to City of Takoma Park, for the number of trees selected, plus tax. Mail or drop off to Urban Forest Manager, 31 Oswego Ave., Silver Spring, MD, 20910. Deadline close of business October 11.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please include a map of property/tree installation locations.

___ Swamp White Oak (2") \$195	___ Princeton Elm (2") \$195
___ Bald Cypress (7' - 8') \$195	___ Black Gum (2") \$195
___ American Linden (2") \$195	___ Sycamore (2") \$195
+ 6% sales tax	___ River Birch (2") \$195
Total _____	